GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4312
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2001
INCIDENT OF BURNING OF QURAN IN DELHI
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had asked Delhi Police to inquire into the incidents of alleged burning of Quran in Delhi in March 2001;

(b) if so, whether the enquiry has since been completed; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): Delhi Police registered an FIR on 13th March, 2001 under section 153, 153-A, 153-B, 259-A and 34 IPC at Tughlaq Road Police Station on the complaint lodged by Shri Abdul Wahab Khilji, Secretary General of Markazi Jamat Ahlehadis Hind in which it was, inter alia, alleged that in the course of a demonstration organised on 5th March, 2001 to protest against the destruction of Buddha statues at Bamiyan, Afganistan, the demonstrators burnt a copy of Holy Quran. Delhi Police arrested three persons in connection with this case who were later released on bail granted by the Court. The investigation into the case has since been completed and the matter referred by the local police to the Prosecution Branch for scrutiny from legal angle.